

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2104 - HB 2368**

January 27, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that the initial approval by the state architect or engineer of design plans for structures including cabins, maintenance shops, building sheds, bath houses, general purpose buildings, or similar structures submitted by the Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Parks and Recreation, are to be perpetual. Once a design has been approved by the state architect or engineer, re-approval is not necessary if the same design is used in another location, unless an engineer for the Department of Environment and Conservation determines that the terrain in a subsequent location is substantially dissimilar. The bill also removes the requirement for approval by the State Building Commission for real property improvements and demolition by the Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Parks and Recreation, once initial plans have been approved.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- some arrangement would be made with the architect who has designed the original plan that gained approval to be compensated for subsequent use of the architect's design. If not, the state would face potential legal liability.
- any savings associated with removing the current supervisory requirements would not be significant because architects would still have to be reimbursed for multiple uses of their design. The state currently pays reduced design fees for repeating projects at different locations.
- the bill would not subject the state to legal liability by superseding existing professional licensing laws that require a professional designer to design and supervise such projects.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director